



Senate

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File No. 445

Senate Bill No. 900

Senate, April 20, 2005

The Committee on Judiciary reported through SEN. MCDONALD of the 27th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING JUVENILE REVIEW BOARDS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) For purposes of this
2 section, "juvenile review board" means a board established by one or
3 more municipalities to develop and implement strategies and
4 interventions to increase the number of youth diverted from the court
5 system into community-based programs and to address any disparities
6 in the sentencing of youth.

7 (b) The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management shall
8 establish an Advisory Committee of Youth Service Bureau Directors to
9 develop guidelines for use by municipalities that wish to establish
10 juvenile review boards. The guidelines shall include recommended
11 policies and procedures for use by such juvenile review boards. The
12 secretary shall appoint the members of the advisory committee in
13 consultation with the Commissioner of Education and the executive
14 committee of the Connecticut Youth Service Association. The advisory

15 committee shall consist of six directors of youth service bureaus as
 16 follows: (1) Two directors of youth service bureaus serving urban
 17 areas, (2) two directors of youth service bureaus serving suburban
 18 areas, and (3) two directors of youth service bureaus serving rural
 19 areas.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 06 \$	FY 07 \$
Policy & Mgmt., Off.	GF - Cost	66,000	66,000
Comptroller Misc. Accounts (Fringe Benefits)	GF - Cost	14,949	35,580

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill requires the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) to establish an Advisory Committee on Youth Service Bureau Directors to develop guidelines for use by municipalities that wish to establish juvenile review boards. These guidelines must include recommended policies and procedures for use by the juvenile review boards. The Secretary of OPM must appoint an advisory committee, in consultation with the Commissioner of Education, which results in no fiscal impact to the Department of Education. OPM will require a Planning Specialist I with associated salary of \$66,000¹ to assist the advisory committee in developing these guidelines. No funds for this purpose were included in sHB 6671, "AAC the State Budget for the Biennium Ending June 30, 2007, and Making Appropriations Therefor", as favorably reported by the Appropriations Committee on April 18, 2005.

¹ The fringe benefit costs for state employees are budgeted centrally in the Miscellaneous Accounts administered by the Comptroller. The estimated fringe benefit reimbursement rate as a percentage of payroll is 53.91%, effective July 1, 2004. However, first year fringe benefit costs for new positions do not include pension costs lowering the rate to 22.65%. The state's pension contribution is based upon the prior year's certification by the actuary for the State Employees Retirement System.

OLR Bill Analysis

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AN ACT CONCERNING JUVENILE REVIEW BOARDS**SUMMARY:**

This bill creates an advisory committee charged with developing guidelines for towns that wish to establish juvenile review boards (JRB). Under the bill, JRBs are established by one or more towns to develop and implement strategies and interventions to (1) increase the number of youth (ages 16 and 17) diverted from the court system into community-based programs and (2) address disparities in sentencing throughout the state.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF YOUTH SERVICE BUREAU DIRECTORS

The Office of Policy and Management secretary is charged with establishing the committee. He must appoint its members in consultation with the education commissioner and executive committee of the Connecticut Youth Service Association. Its members are six youth service bureau directors, two each representing urban, suburban, and rural areas.

BACKGROUND***Youth Services Bureaus***

Among other things, youth services bureaus are the lead local agencies offering prevention and treatment services for at-risk youth.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Select Committee on Children

Joint Favorable Change of Reference

Yea 12 Nay 0

Human Services Committee

Joint Favorable Change of Reference

Yea 16 Nay 0

Judiciary Committee

Joint Favorable Report

Yea 38 Nay 0